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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7564**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1267

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 30, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 28, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Worker's Compensation Medical Records.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Orentlicher

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Server

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed - House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
☒ **DEDICATED**  
☒ **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill, except when consent is obtained, provides that medical records used in a worker's compensation claim may only be disclosed to persons who participate in the review of the claim.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) The bill provides that medical records received by an employer or insurance carrier for worker's compensation claims can only be shared, without the workers consent, with the employees reviewing the claim. It could increase the employees' control of access to medical records maintained or required by employers. The impact of the bill is unknown, but the state and local impacts are probably minor.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** See *Explanation of State Expenditures*.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Worker's Compensation Board, All State Agencies.

**Local Agencies Affected:** All Local Units of Government.

**Information Sources:**

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